

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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--A method of compressing digital data includes the steps of (i) reading digital data as a series of binary coded words representing a context and a code word to be compressed, (ii) calculating distribution output data from the input data and assigning variable length code words to the result; and (iii) periodically recalculating the code words in accordance with a predetermined schedule, in order to continuously update the code words and their lengths.--.